GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3271
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
FLOWING OF RIVER WATER OF RAJASTHAN AND PUNJAB TO PAKISTAN
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that water present in river systems in Punjab and Rajasthan is going silently to Pakistan which is being used by Pakistan in Ishigul Canal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to dug tubewells to arrest outward flow of water as suggested by the Australian Agency hired by the Government; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Water flowing to Pakistan is mostly uncontrolled flood waters of rivers Ravi and Sutlej and increased uncontrolled flows observed in recent years through the non- perennial river Ghaggar. Pakistan could perhaps be utilizing these waters through various systems including Ishigul Canal.

(c) & (d) No such proposal has been reported by the State Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan as well as the Central Ground Water Board.